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In re application of

: **ATTN: BOX AF**

Mieko SAKAI et al.

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: